

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2004. Claim153 is amended; claims amended claim 153 and cancelled claims 77-80, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 92, 93, 101, 102, 105-111, 113, 114, 116-124, 127-140, 142-144, 147-152, and 154-157 are canceled; as a result, claims 95-98, and 153 are now pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuing application. No new subject matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that 95-98 and 153 are allowed. Claim 153 has been rewritten with the limitations of the base claim77, and claim 83 and cancelled claims 77-80, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 92, 93, 101, 102, 105-111, 113, 114, 116-124, 127-140, 142-144, 147-152, and 154-157. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that claims 95-98 and 153 pass to issue.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6968 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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